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July 2024

News to Know

Performance Measure Reporting DUE

The following performance measure reporting forms were sent via email. If your agency did not receive the email, please email MoTransit@modot.mo.gov to obtain the forms.

Annual Vehicle/Mileage Reporting (Section 5310/5311) – DUE Aug. 1

Annual Insurance Certification (Section 5310/5311) – DUE Aug. 1

Annual Agency Contact Update (Section 5310/5311) – DUE Aug. 1

Annual Ridership (METHAP/Section 5310) – DUE Aug. 15

Annual Ridership for Public Transportation – DUE Aug. 15

Federal Fiscal Year-End Shutdown – Invoice/Reimbursement Request Deadline

The federal fiscal year 2023 will be shutting down around Oct. 1. All **FEDERAL** invoices and reimbursement requests submitted through MoDOT for payment must be submitted by Sept. 9 to ensure processing. After this date, payments will be on hold until the federal financial system becomes available in mid-October.

FTA Section 5310 Rural/Small Urban and 5311 Rural Applications

Currently, there are no federal funding applications available for the Section 5310 and 5311 programs. When applications become available, a notice will be posted in this newsletter and on our website at [Transit Applications and Reporting](#).

Gov. Parson Breaks Ground on Historic Improve I-70

Project in Columbia

Gov. Mike Parson kicked off the first project within [Missouri's Improve I-70 Program](#) with an official groundbreaking ceremony in Columbia. Gov. Parson joined federal, state and local elected officials along with members of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission and its Design-Build contractor team to break ground on [Project #1: Columbia to Kingdom City](#).

Missouri's FY2024 budget from the General Assembly, signed into law by Governor Parson, provides \$2.8 billion in General Revenue for the costs to build a third lane in each direction on nearly 200 miles of I-70, from Blue Springs to Wentzville. This first project, Improve I-70: Columbia to Kingdom City, is a \$405 million fixed-cost contract that will add an additional lane to I-70 in each direction between U.S. Route 63 in Columbia and Route 54 in Kingdom City. The project also incorporates \$123 million in previously programmed MoDOT projects to improve the I-70 interchanges at both Route 63 and Route 54.

The planned improvements for Project#1: Columbia to Kingdom City from the Design-Build contractor Millstone Weber and its designer Jacobs Inc. also include new concrete pavement on all three lanes of I-70 in each direction of the project. Additionally, throughout construction two lanes of travel will be available in both directions of I-70 during peak hours. Construction of this project began in July 2024 with an anticipated completion in late 2027.

Those interested in details regarding Project #1 can sign up for project emails and view the designs at <https://www.modot.org/improvei70/columbiakingdomcity>. For more information, call MoDOT at 888-ASK-MODOT (275-6636) or visit www.modot.org. To receive the latest statewide news and text alerts, sign up for [e-updates](#).

Missouri RTAP Newsletter Highlights National RTAP

The [Missouri RTAP 2024 second quarter newsletter](#) includes an article about Rural Transit Day (page 4), new National RTAP Review Board member Dion Knipp of OATS Transit and National RTAP participation in the upcoming MPTA Conference.

Agency Spotlight: Angel Rose Liberty Access Program



For over 20 years, Angel Rose has been a driving force behind the Liberty Access Program's success. First as a dedicated bus driver, and now as an incredible transportation coordinator, Rose's commitment, passion and innovativeness shines through in everything she does. She treats every rider like family, creating a welcoming environment for all with her unwavering kindness and patience. She possesses an uncanny ability to juggle rider needs and craft efficient routes, maximizing reach while minimizing mileage. This has been evidenced by a 37% increase in one-way trips with a decrease in total miles driven from 2022 to 2023. Angel is a lifelong learner who actively seeks opportunities to improve the program. She recently completed a course on ensuring Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEI&A) within transportation services. She isn't fazed by new challenges. Whether it's mastering a new software system or taking on a fresh project, she tackles everything with enthusiasm and a willingness to learn. Rose is more than just a

transportation coordinator; she's the heart and soul of the Liberty Access Program. Her dedication, expertise, and passion have been instrumental in the program's remarkable growth.

We want to hear from you!

InTransit newsletter is our Monthly Transit Agency spotlight recognizing the awesome things that are happening in the organization. If you would like to submit what your agency is doing, whether it's about your service or highlighting a Transit employee, please submit content to

Nicholas.volkart@modot.mo.gov.

Safety Spotlight

Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Safety Institute (TSI) Safety Training Available

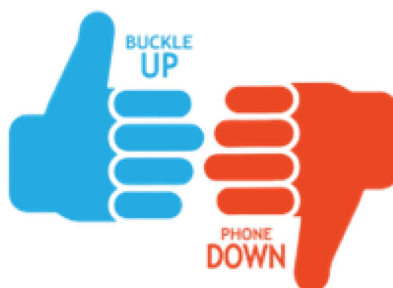
Registration is open for the Transportation Safety Institute's (TSI) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 safety training courses for transit personnel. These courses also support FTA grantees subject to the **Public Transportation Safety Certification Training Program (PTSCTP) regulation** with initial training and recertification training requirements. The FY24 safety training schedule offers some additional face-to-face deliveries.

2024 Safety Management System (SMS) in Practice: Advancing Safety Risk Management and Safety Assurance

This year, FTA hosted four **SMS in Practice: Advancing Safety Risk Management and Safety Assurance workshops**. The series spotlighted common challenges identified during FTA Technical Assistance Center inquiries, audits and Agency Safety Plan (ASP) reviews. The workshop series concluded this month and asked participants to engage in group discussions and scenario-based exercises to obtain a deeper understanding of the processes and apply new skills and lessons learned to improve safety at their agencies.

FTA Spotlights Mental Health Support in the Transit Industry

In May, as part of Mental Health Awareness Month, FTA hosted a **webinar** on suicide prevention and mental health crisis intervention in the transit industry. Guest speakers from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, San Francisco Suicide Prevention, Bay Area Rapid Transit and Utah Transit Authority shared available resources, experiences and lessons learned from successful interventions.



Take the BUPD challenge

When you get into any vehicle,
buckle up your seat belt.

If you are in the driver's seat,
put your cellphone down.
Join the **55,526** people who have
taken the pledge so far.

HOT Transit Topic -- Volunteer Driver Programs

Since January, a monthly volunteer driver article has been part of the newsletter. This installment is a reference guide, so you can find the content as needed. It has been added as a table so you can sort or search by topic and know which month the information was published.

Topic	Month
Volunteer Driver Selection	January 2024
Volunteer Driver Application	January 2024
Volunteer Driver Screening	January 2024
Insurance Requirements	February 2024
Volunteer Driver Policies	March 2024
ADA Policy	March 2024
Ethics Policy	March 2024
Code of Conduct Policy	March 2024
Drug Free Workplace Policy	March 2024
Harassment Policy	March 2024
Confidentiality Policy	March 2024
Reporting Suspected Abuse, Neglect, Abandonment or Exploitation Policy	March 2024
Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy	March 2024
Supervision of Volunteers Policy	March 2024
Annual Reviews	March 2024
Non-Discrimination	March 2024
Payment or Donation Policy	March 2024

Reimbursement Policy	March 2024
Disabled Parking Privileges	March 2024
Managing Volunteer Vehicle Operation	April 2024
Vehicle Equipment and Maintenance	April 2024
Personally Owned Vehicles	April 2024
Missouri SOS Vehicle Inspection Checklist	April 2024

Volunteer Driver Supervision	May 2024
Supervision - Orientation	May 2024
Supervision - Training	May 2024
Supervision - Review/Evaluation	May 2024
Supervision - Recognition	May 2024
Supervision - Discipline/Termination	May 2024
Supervision - Reasons for Intervention	May 2024
Supervision - Medical Restrictions	May 2024
Incidents, Accidents and Collisions (IAC)	June 2024
Reporting Incidents, Accidents and Collisions	June 2024
Auto Collisions	June 2024
Procedures and Record Keeping - Incidents, Accidents and Collisions	June 2024
The Collision Scene	June 2024
Manager Procedures at Collision Scene	June 2024
Media Relations at Collision Scene	June 2024
Collision Review	June 2024

For additional resources use the following links.

**Missouri Department of Insurance; <https://insurance.mo.gov>*

Missouri Secretary of State: Code of State Regulations (mo.gov)

National RTAP - Volunteers in Transportation: Some Issues to Consider

The Federal Transit Program Turns 60

The idea for the federal transit program was born with a [message](#) to Congress by President John F. Kennedy in 1962 and launched in 1964 when President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the [Urban Mass Transportation Act](#).

Over its nearly six decades, the federal transit program has helped transform transit in America from scattered bus systems and a small number of high-capacity systems to a diverse set of transit providers in thousands of communities. Today, FTA administers a \$20 billion annual program with the historic funding provided by the 2021 [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#).

The 60th anniversary of the federal transit program was celebrated on July 9.



Federal Actions & Updates



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Transit Administration

Notice of Funding Opportunities

EPA Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grants – July 25, 2024, deadline. Up to \$932 million is available to support the replacement of Class 6 and 7 heavy-duty vehicles (which includes some transit vehicles) with zero-emission vehicles. Funding may also be used for refueling infrastructure, workforce development and training and project implementation costs.

Joint Office Clean Bus Planning Award – rolling basis deadline. The program provides free technical assistance to develop fleet electrification transition plans. Eligible applicants include direct or designated recipients of FTA grants and state entities providing bus services.

Integrating TAM Data into National Transit Database (NTD) Reporting: FTA posted the recording for the April webinar on [Integrating TAM Data into National Transit Database \(NTD\) Reporting](#), to describe how TAM reporting can be integrated into the comprehensive NTD reporting requirements. The session was part of FTA's TAM webinar series to help transit agencies incorporate asset management best practices to provide safer, more reliable transit service nationwide while reducing operating costs.

On June 21, the Department of Transportation (DOT) published three notices in the Federal Register relating to its May 2, 2023, final rule that, among other items, authorized employers to use oral fluid drug testing as an alternative testing methodology to urine drug testing. The three notices are:

- A series of technical amendments to clarify certain provisions of the rule and address omissions of which we have become aware since the publication of the final rule.
- A direct final rule (DFR) to (a) provide temporary qualification requirements for mock oral fluid monitors, (b) provide for consistent privacy requirements by identifying which individuals may be present during an oral fluid collection and (c) clarify how collectors are to specify that a sufficient volume of oral fluid was collected. **Comments are due July 22, 2024.**
- A notice of proposed rulemaking containing the same amendments in the DFR that serves as the proposed rule to amend the procedures for DOT's drug testing program (49 CFR 40) if adverse comments are received on any of the provisions in the DFR.

To learn more about these notices, view the documents at:

<https://www.transportation.gov/odapc/frpubs>

FTA's **Enhancing Mobility Innovation program** supports research projects that will improve customer convenience, such as creating easier ways to pay for transit and enhancing transit schedules based on rider demand. Through this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), FTA will allocate funding to support rider-centered research projects in two categories:

- Innovations that focus on new service delivery models, creative financing, novel partnerships and integrated payment solutions.
- Software solutions that improve ways to provide demand-response public transportation service.

Eligible applicants include transit agencies, state or local departments of transportation, Indian tribes, private and nonprofit organizations, colleges and universities and state and local governments, including metropolitan planning organizations. This is the second round of funding for enhancing mobility innovation. In August 2022, FTA selected nine projects in six states to support mobility and innovation.

View the [list of past projects](#).

Instructions for applying and eligibility information can be found on FTA's website and on GRANTS.GOV (solicitation number FTA-2024-010-TRI-EMI). Complete proposals must be submitted electronically through the GRANTS.GOV "APPLY" function by Aug. 30.

USDOT 2024 RAISE Grants Announced

USDOT announced the recipients for the 2024 RAISE discretionary grant program. Attached is the 2024 Fact Sheet of projects. Notes have been made of state DOT projects with a transit, shared use or other multimodal component. Transit is also a component or focus of many projects awarded to local governments and agencies. Congratulations to the 2024 RAISE recipients.

RAISE 2024 Fact Sheets

Upcoming Webinars & Trainings

NTI Self-Paced Course: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) 101 Online
Self Paced | [Register Here](#)

Final Rule Prompt Payment and Return Retainage requirements with rollout of a Tool and Toolkit for optional use by recipients/subrecipients

Wednesday, July 24: 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

[Register](#)

Requirements for TVMs in the New DBE Rule

Tuesday, July 30: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

[Register](#)

National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine's [Climate Crossroads Summit 2024](#)

National RTAP's [Learn about Alternative Fuels and Clean Cities and Communities](#)

GTSE's [Green Transportation Summit & Expo](#)

Clean Mobility Equity Alliance's [2024 Clean Mobility Forum](#)

SAVE THE DATE! AASHTO Public Transportation Annual Meeting, Oct. 8-9

AASHTO Council on Public Transportation and AASHTO Transit Management look forward to jointly hosting our annual meeting on Oct. 8-9 in Salt Lake City. Thank you to the Utah DOT for being the host state of this year's meeting. Stay tuned for registration information. Check out past years' agendas for examples of our annual meetings.

SAVE THE DATE! Concurrent Technical Training: SMRs & DBE Requirements, Oct. 8-9

Concurrent to the AASHTO Public Transportation annual meeting, AASHTO is pleased to hold a technical training for state DOT staff on State Management Reviews, with a focus on DBE reporting requirements. The training is Oct. 8-9 in Salt Lake City, concurrent to the annual meeting. Travel assistance may be available for state DOT offices. Stay tuned for registration information.

The courses below are IN-PERSON on the following dates, in the following cities:

***You must complete Procurement I prior to enrolling in
Procurement II, III or IV!***

Click on any link for more information, or to register:

**Procurement I: Orientation to Transit Procurement
(4 days, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily)**

- [Monday, July 22 - Thursday, July 25— Greensboro, NC](#)
- [Monday, Aug. 5 - Thursday, Aug. 8 — Portland, ME](#)
- [Monday, Sept. 9 - Thursday, Sept. 12 — Philadelphia, PA](#)
- [Monday, Oct. 7 - Thursday, Oct. 10 — Seattle, WA](#)
- [Monday, Dec. 2 - Thursday, Dec. 5 — New Orleans, LA](#)

**Procurement II: Risk Assessment and Basic Cost or Price Analysis
(4 days, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily)**

- [Monday, Aug. 19 - Thursday, Aug. 22 — Madison, WI](#)
- [Monday, Sept. 16 - Thursday, Sept. 19 -- San Jose, CA](#)
- [Monday, Oct. 14 - Thursday, Oct. 17 — St. Paul, MN](#)
- [Monday, Oct. 21 - Thursday, Oct. 24— Orlando, FL](#)

**Procurement III: RFPs and Competitive Contract Negotiations
(4 days, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily)**

- [Monday, July 29 - Thursday, Aug. 1 — Salt Lake City, UT](#)
- [Monday, Nov. 18 - Thursday, Nov. 21 — Birmingham, AL](#)

- [Monday, Dec. 16 - Thursday, Dec. 19 — Houston, TX](#)

Procurement IV: Contract Administration (4 days, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily)

- [Monday, Aug. 12 - Thursday, Aug. 15 — Pittsburgh, PA](#)
- [Monday, Sept. 23 - Thursday, Sept. 26 — Cleveland, OH](#)
- [Monday, Nov. 18 - Thursday, Nov. 21 — Phoenix, AZ](#)

If you have any questions about these courses, please contact

*Senior Program Coordinator, **Salendria Mabrey***

For a full list of our upcoming courses, both virtual and in-person, please visit our [Registration Page](#):

All Upcoming Courses

***Virtual Courses after Sept. 30 will be announced at a later date.
Please stay tuned!***

The following courses will take place live and online via Zoom and are now open and available for registration:

- **Advanced Title VI**
- **Assault Awareness and Prevention for Transit Operators**
- **Business Writing: Write It Right**
- **Crisis Communication for Transit Managers**
- **Enhancing Your Transit Asset Management Plan with Lifecycle Management**
- **FTA Uniform Act Basics for Transit Agency Personnel**
- **Intro to Paratransit Management and Operations**
- **Intro to Transit Asset Management**
- **Intro to Transit Service Planning**
- **Overview of Title VI and Public Transit**
- **Principles for Effective Management and Supervision**
- **Project Management for Transit Professionals**
- **Public Involvement in Transportation Decision-Making**
- **Transportation Planning Process**
- **Understanding ADA**
- **Violence in the Transit Workplace**

with more to come!

Please click the button below for a complete list of available course dates and registration status/availability.

Upcoming NTI Courses

MoDOT Transit Employees Win 1st Place at CTAA Costume

Night!



Transit Trivia Time!

Which state had the first electric traffic light?

- A. Brooklyn, New York
- B. Cleveland, Ohio
- C. Boston, Massachusetts

Answer is below 'Upcoming Conferences' section

Upcoming Reporting

August

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November

NTD Reporting (Section 5311)

Upcoming Conferences

AASHTO 5310/11 Program Managers Forum

Wednesday, July 26, 1:00 p.m. | Email ranger@ashto.org for meeting details

CTAA Small Urban Network (SUN) Conference

Aug. 14–16 | Alexandria, VA

State & Tribal Public Transportation Partnerships Conference, Fort Worth

July 29-30 | [Register Here](#)

AASHTO Internal External Audit Committee Conference

Aug. 21 | Fort Worth, TX

2024 MPTA Conference - Sept. 3-5 in St. Louis, MO
D&A Training for 5311s on the afternoon of Tuesday, Sept. 3

Making Connections 2024 – The National Transit Workforce Conference (MC24) Nov. 11-13 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Trivia Answer: B. Cleveland, Ohio

TRAINING RESOURCES

National RTAP: <https://www.nationalrtap.org/>

Missouri RTAP: <https://mltrc.mst.edu/mortaphome/>

National Transit Institute (NTI) <https://www.ntionline.com/>

National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM) <https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/>

Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA): <https://ctaa.org/>

USDOT Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.transportation.gov/odapc>

FTA Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/drug-alcohol-program>

FMCSA Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/drug-alcohol-testing-program>

FTA Webinars and Trainings [Homepage](#)

National Transit Institute's [Current Course Schedule](#) of Upcoming Training

FTA-Sponsored Training Courses [Homepage](#) | FTA [Safety Training Page](#) & [Enhanced Safety Trainings](#)

TSI Public Transportation [Catalogue](#) | TSI [Course Schedule PDF](#)

National RTAP [Upcoming Webinars](#)

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